

**Minutes of the Historic District Commission  
Thursday, August 7, 2014  
Brookfield Town Hall**

*Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Robert Brown, Vice Chairperson

*Members Present:* Peter Bertolami, Laura Mancuso, Liz De Lambert, Harold Proudfoot

*Members Absent:* Kevin Archer, Rosemary Erb-Fawcett, Jacqueline Salame

*Public in Attendance:* Larry Hurlburt, 188 Whisconier Road  
Caleb Coogle, associated with St. Joseph's Catholic Church

**CORRECTION TO JULY 10, 2014 MINUTES**

The vinyl front doors at 10 Long Meadow Hill Road were not replaced as stated in the July 10 minutes. The existing front doors were painted.

**Public Hearing opened at 7:12 p.m.:**

- *Application 2014-01:* 20 Long Meadow Hill Road for solar panels on pool house and barn.  
K. Archer was not available for the meeting. The application is still open.
- *Application 2014-02:* L. Hurlburt, 188 Whisconier Road: Additional information was presented on the front porch restoration. This COA now includes

There was further discussion about the details of the front porch.

The substructure of the porch does not need to be replaced and will remain. The porch deck will be replaced using 1 x 3 1/8 inch tongue and groove clear Douglas fir decking. The grade in front of the porch will be raised approximately 5 inches.

The railing will be removed and not replaced. The steps will be reduced from three to two eliminating the need for a hand railing. Existing stepping stones will be removed and set back in place in the new fill. The two new steps will be granite about 6 feet long. Cedar lattice will cover the side of the steps.

The porch is about 9 feet wide with a 6 foot walkway between the benches to the front door.

Dual columns will be in front of the benches on the edge of the porch and will have a 4 x 4 inch pressure treated core wrapped in 1 x 5 inch clear pine. The trim on the top of the column will be 1 x 5 inches and 8-10 inches on the bottom.

The Commission members would like to see 8-10 inch trim on the top of the column and 12 inch on the bottom of the column instead of 1 x 5 inch trim on the top and 8-10 inch on the bottom as stated on the COA by L. Hurlburt.

**Prehearing opened at 7 p.m.**

- *Application 2014-03:* C. Coogle to construct a set of stairs and a walkway, adjoining the pre-existing pathway between the rectory and the parish at St. Joseph's.

The path will go over the hill between the two buildings and have a stair down to the driveway at the Parish Office. This project will be the beginning of a grotto for the Stations of the Cross. This will be a second grotto, the first being on Route 25 north.

The path will be set slightly into the ground with  $\frac{3}{4}$ " process stone.

Stairs will be pressure treated wood with an 8' drop with a 7" rise. Iron railing on the side. The path will not be visible from the road although the steps may be somewhat visible.

C. Coogle was given preliminary permission to proceed with the project pending legal notice advertised for the September meeting, and oversight by Commission member K. Archer.

There was no further discussion by the Commission members.

**Business Meeting opened at 7:45 p.m.:**

L. Mancuso moved to accept the July 10, 2014 minutes with corrections. R. Brown seconded; all approved.

L. De Lambert moved to accept the June 5, 2014 minutes as presented. L. Mancuso seconded; all approved.

L. Mancuso moved to adjourn the meeting at 8 p.m. L. De Lambert seconded, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Brown, Secretary